ponent of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment and Rs. 13.45 crore from special component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for repair/restoration of damaged rural drinking water supply system. The cost of transportation of fodder, animal feed and medicine by the Railways and the cost of deployment of IAF helicopters for rescue and relief operations were also approved from NCCF on actual basis.

Again an amount of Rs. 39.68 crore was released from NCCF as additional financial assistance for floods including flash floods of October, 2004 besides Rs. 6.02 crore from ARWSP for drinking water supply.

On the directions of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Water Resources, the nodal Ministry for flood management, had set up a Task Force to look into the problem of recurring floods and erosion in Assam and other neighbouring States, to suggest short term and long term measures for the management of floods.

(e) Does not arise.

Strategy to bring peace in J & K and in North-East States

†2120. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a Nine Point Strategy for bringing peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are formulating a strategy to bring peace and development in disturbed States of the North-Eastern Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Government's policy for bringing peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir includes accelerating economic development, holding dialogue with all groups which eschew violence, promoting people to people interaction, promoting unique culture of J&K, creating employment opportunities, redressal of public grievances, upgrading security measures, avoiding human rights violations and involving media in the process of reconstruction.

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(c) and (d) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have right kind of laws and modernize and strengthen the police/security forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society.

Census on caste basis

†2121. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the census held recently in the country, no information was sought about the caste;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that after 1952, no census has been conducted in the country based on caste;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to conduct census regarding Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and OBCs;

(d) if so, by when such census will be conducted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, information on individual caste, tribe or race has not been collected in the censuses held after the independence except for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for meeting the Constitutional requirements.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Questions do not arise.

Fake passports

†2122. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of fake passport business in the country on a large scale;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this regard and action taken against them;

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